



**“See the Sound Visual Phonics”  
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Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center  
Appleton, WI**

## **What is See the Sound Visual Phonics?**

Visual Phonics is a system comprised of 45 hand signs and written symbols, which help to make the connection between written and spoken language less confusing for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, or have difficulty with auditory processing. The system uses a combination of tactile, kinesthetic, visual, and auditory feedback to assist in developing phonemic awareness, speech production, and reading skills in children and adults who do not learn readily from traditional reading programs. This two day workshop will allow participants to learn the hand symbols, print symbols, and application for the Visual Phonics system within a classroom setting. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to hear from local professionals, from several different school districts, who are using Visual Phonics with successful results. A limited quantity of materials will be available for purchase on site.

### **Presenters:**

**Bettie Waddy-Smith** has over 35 years experience as a Speech-language Pathologist and educational diagnostician. Currently she is the Communication Specialist for the Spoken Language Resource component of the Cochlear Implant Education Center at Gallaudet University's Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, Kendall School. Bettie provides direct therapy and classroom support to students who are fitted with cochlear implants.

**Vanessa Wilson-Favors** is presently a Speech-language Pathologist with the Montgomery County Public School System. Formerly, Vanessa worked for sixteen years as a Communication Specialist at Gallaudet University's Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, Kendall School.

This workshop is ideal for professionals working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, students with Learning Disabilities, Speech-language delays, or students who are learning English as a second language.